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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 2917

SUBJ: LIBYAN TRADE IN ROYALTY OIL

REF: TRIPOLI 2835 Pet 17-1 Libya

1. [redacted] B4
LARG HAS INCREASED QUANTITY OF ROYALTY CRUDE IT INTENDS TO TAKE FROM OASIS DURING 1971 FROM 25 MILLION BARRELS, ORIGINALLY, TO 35 MILLION BARRELS. [redacted] B4
ENTIRE QUANTITY TO BE SOLD TO LONDON BROKERAGE FIRM - WETCO.

2. [redacted] OASIS OWNERS ARE DISTURBED B4
BY SIZE OF LARG LEVY, WHICH, BEGINNING IN MID-FEBRUARY, WILL AMOUNT TO OVER 100,000 B/D FROM PRODUCTION RESTRICTED TO TOTAL OF 901,000 B/D. AT THIS RATE, LARG WILL BE WITHIN FEW THOUSAND B/D OF TAKING ITS ENTIRE 12.5 PER CENT ROYALTY ENTITLEMENT FROM OASIS. [redacted] IT B7
AND OTHERS ARE PLANNING TO PROTEST SIZE OF LEVY AS DISCRIMINATORY, SINCE OXY AND BR/HUNT (LATTER'S PRODUCTION IS NOT RATIONED) ARE ONLY OTHER PRODUCERS SUPPLYING ROYALTY OIL - BUT PERCENTAGE OF THEIR PRODUCTION TAKEN AS ROYALTY IS RELATIVELY MINOR.
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PALMER

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 0023

SUBJ: OIL NATIONALIZATION OF BP

1. TODAY'S LONDON PRESS FRONT-PAGED REPORT THAT BP HAS TAKEN COURT ORDER IN SYRACUSE SICILY "DIRECTED TO THE TANKER KAPETAIN ELIAS FOR DELIVERIES OF COPIES OF THE SHIP'S DOCUMENTS AND SAMPLES OF ITS CARGO OF LIBYAN CRUDE." FINANCIAL TIMES CITED BP STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT "ORDER WAS OBTAINED WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF PROCEEDINGS AIMED AT CLAIMING OWNERSHIP OF OIL COMING FROM SIRIR OIL FIELD IN CONCESSION 65 IN LIBYA" AND ADDED THAT OIL APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SOLD BY ARAB GULF EXPLATION.

2. FCO OIL DEPARTMENT (CHALMERS) CONFIRED TO US THAT THE TRIBUNAL IN SYRACUSE HAS ISSUED THE NECESSARY ORDER AND ADDED THAT BP IS NOW APPLYING TO THE COURT IN PALERMO FOR A WRIT DIRECTED AGAINST THE IMPORTER SINCAT, WHICH WOULD COMPEL SINCAT TO DELIVER THE OIL TO BP. ACCORDING TO CHALMERS, BP SATISFIED WITH WAY COURT PROCEEDINGS HAVE SO FAR DEVELOPED AND (FYI ONLY) END FYI).

3. CHALMERS SAID THAT HMG HAS HAD NO RPT NO PART IN THIS

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ACTION WHICH IS BP EXERCISE AND HMG HAS MADE NO REPRESENTATIONS TO GOVERNMENT OF ITALY. FCO UNDERSTANDS HOWEVER THAT LARG HAS DELIVERED TO GOI PROTEST AGAINST ACTIONS OF SICILIAN COURTS AND IS PLANNING DELEGATION TO ROME TO URGE GOI TO OVERRULE THOSE COURTS. GP-4.
SOHM